1994-95 (All figures in MU Net)

	Requirement	Availability	Deficit	%
Bihar	9410	6295	3115	33.1
Eastern Region	40340	35118	5222	12.9
All India	352260	327281	24979	7.1

(b) and (c) 710 MW Koel Karo Project was entrusted to NHPC in 1980 for execution in Central Sector. Although commissioning the project would help in reducing the power shortages in the region, the NHPC has not been able to commence work on this project due to paucity of funds and local resistance.

Powers crisis in Delhi

6999. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing power crisis in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem of the power crisis in the national capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During April, 1995, Delhi had a marginal energy shortage of 0.8% as against the All India National average of 8.8%.

(b) Various measures taken to bridge the gap between the demand and availability of power include—maximisation of power generation at the existing stations; addition of 108 MW capacity by progressive commissioning of 3x34 MW Combined Cycle Waste Heat Recovery Units at the existing Gas Turbine Stations of DESU; Establishment of 400 Kv Ring around Delhi to facilitate additional import of power from the neighbouring system|States|Central Power Stations in the Northern Region; Reduction of T&D losses; Better demand management and observance of energy conservation measures; Implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Scheme and assistance/transfer of power from neighbouring System.

Power supply to rural areas

7000. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the Rural Electrification Corporation in the electrification of new areas;

(b) whether there has been a slackening of effort in ensuring proper power supply system to rural areas; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to effectively use the REC in bringing power to new areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Rural Electrification Corporation extends financial assistance to the State Governments|State Electricity Boards/Rural Electric Cooperatives for development of electrical infrastructure and extension of electricity to the unelectrified areas.

(b) No, Sir. Special emphasis is being laid on the strengthening of power supply systems in rural areas and by providing financial assistance to the States for System Improvement Schemes to bring about reduction in Transmission & Distribution Losses.